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Although I am a returning team member, I am in a new role, and have been floundering without training or a chance to meet with the team and plan. As the 90-day period for holding the training, as per our by-laws expired, I kept hoping it would be soon. I'm still hoping.

I have kept busy with issues from a number of the Nova Scotia Parks locals who are struggling to keep executive members while the general membership needs representation. It has been difficult to get assistance on Parks-related issues due to UNE executive members in the region being overloaded, and cryptic responses from the UNE office. Again, a training session would be useful.

I have been attending local AGMs to provide information, support and run elections.

The Regional Team has been working on planning our seminar, and I really look forward to seeing some members in person.

I attended the PSAC National Equity Conference in November, which was poorly-run and painful to attend; this does not bode well for the upcoming PSAC Triennial Convention which is also virtual.

I am a member of the UNE's member engagement committee; to date the night-time Zoom meetings have not seemed very productive. Hopefully an in-person meeting can be scheduled and we can get to work.

I sit on the ISED National Policy Health and Safety Committee, which meets monthly, sometimes more often, as we struggle with COVID-related issues.

Sorry that this report seems to be a bit of a rant. Two years in my poorly heated/cooled home office for work, plus Union Zoom calls, plus acting as my mother's executor and my father's Power of Attorney sometimes leave me short of patience. I expect everyone has their stresses at present, and I look forward to moving on together.

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